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From: M Peachw
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Mar 16, 2003 10:33 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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Sincerely

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John H. Rook (JHRook@earthlink.net) writes:

In 1997 I was advised by Silverado/Triathlon/ClearChannel/Citadel that if I went to the DOJ with my complaint, Youll never work again in the industry...they were right. I was told "There is no FCC stupid, we own it". President of Silverado, John Winkel treated me if I were to make known his illegal plan, You are a dead man Rook, if this comes out.

They then set about to run me out of business, hired away my best sales people, who would rather have sales commission's for five stations than for my two. Then forced me to sign JSA's for Silverado/Triathlon to sell advertising on my stations. This allowed them to use free spots on my stations or selling them for 1/4 the rate card to lure advertisers to their stations at full rate...When my revenue dropped to a fraction of what was normal for several years prior, the banks decided against financing my attempt to purchase two other stations that would have given me four total. I lost my down payment on those stations when I couldn't close (400,000) and then was told by the DOJ I had a great antitrust case I should pursue in federal court ..was advised by antitrust attorney's that It would probably cost me \$400,000 to pursue...then they ganged up and delayed, delayed, delayed until it had cost me \$590,000 before I ran out of money...had to refinance my home \$200,000 to pay e! ven more legal expenses.

Clear Channel & Citadel parked my two stations with a friend (American General Media) for a short period of time until they got FCC approval to purchase them..for \$3 million dollars more than he paid originally. A nice parking reward.

I would very much like to make certain this information reaches you for review

John Rook
208-664-4014

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From: ocblones
To: Michael Copps
Date: 1/30/03 7:19PM
Subject: Too much in Reno

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Commissioner,

I understand that a single company is allowed to own only four FM stations in the Reno, NV area. But today Citadel, which owns three FMs and LMAs a fourth, is purchasing another station, with an LMA to start within days. My question is this: can a company own four FMs and then LMA a fifth in the Reno area? If not, why is Citadel being allowed to proceed with this transaction? I am forced to remain somewhat anonymous for personal reasons, but would appreciate an answer.

Thank you.

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From: John Petric
To: Mike Powell
Date: 3/14/03 4:06PM
Subject: Reject the Bells' Monopoly Bid

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Chairman Michael K. Powell, et.al.
Federal Communications Commission
445 SW 12th Street
Washington, DC 20554

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Office of the Secretary

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Dear Commissioners,

Elimination of competitive access to wholesale phone networks will do nothing but kill the not yet here, and much anticipated local competition, and leave consumers with the worst of both worlds, an unregulated monopoly.

Please reject the Bell's self serving proposals to eliminate the UNE-Ps, which would pave the way for a bigger, meaner phone monopoly unrestrained by regulatory oversight.

Verizon's director of governmental affairs, Sean M. Looney, told the Maryland House Economic Matters Committee in Annapolis that federal regulators are expected to approve Verizon's plan next week. Verizon, the dominant local carrier in the state, said that if the plan is approved it will also be allowed to provide long-distance service.

A similar plan went into effect in Virginia recently, where for about \$50 a month a residential customers may make unlimited calls to anywhere in the state, the continental U.S. and Canada, Mr. Looney said.

Mr. Looney appeared before the Committee to oppose the two Maryland State bills, House Bill 898, IntraCounty and Adjacent Local Calling, and House Bill 899, Countywide Local Calling, that seek to fix local telephone calling area problems and would require phone companies to provide toll-free service on all calls within the same county or calls between a point in one county and another point within 40 miles of that county's geographical area or whichever is larger, a measure that has long been supported by some area residents.

Please, DO NOT approve the monopolistic Verizon's request for long distance service until it divests itself of the monopoly control in continues to hold in the tri-state region plus. Selling inter-connection agreements is not "competition." Not close, not by even a mile. Prices with Verizon keep going up and nothing is here to keep the restraints in check.

Your expedited cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: jim corson@attbi.com
To: Mike Powell
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Subject: Media Concentration

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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Powell,

The FCC will soon make FCC rule which will allow concentration of the media into the hand of just a few corporations and essentially eliminating local control of television, radio and newspapers.

I would strongly urge you not to let such a rule be instituted. Media is already greatly concentrated. Additional concentration will create extremely one-sided views promulgated by just a few large organizations. It will eliminate or at least extremely limit information and news which happening in our own communities. I can already see this happening on some of our radio stations which come from back east. They are broadcast across the country with only minimal interaction with the individual communities which they serve.

Implementation of this law, I beleive, will severely limit what we are able to watch, listen to and read. I will not reflect the interests and diversity of our local communities, regions or states.

Again, I strongly urge you not to allow this rule, allowing concentration of the media, to be allowed to be implemented.

Yours sincerely,

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I wish to express my belief that allowing more liberal rules for media ownership would seriously deteriorate already bad newsworthy coverage and good programming of all kinds. We do not need any more bottom line programming where the only concern is ratings and the dollars they bring in.

Gwen Mataisz

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Subject: Input on media ownership

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I feel that tvlradio ownership should be limited - even more than it is now

Do not allow any more mergers. The information we have access to is limited already. Allowing more diverse organizations to own stations would give the public the right to a variety of opinions.

Sincerely,

Emily Digaudio
Greendale. WI 53129

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From: alexandrapye@hotmail.com
To: Mike Powell
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Subject: FCC deregulation and hearings

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Dear Chairman Powell and FCC Commissioners

I appreciate your holding hearings across the country on FCC changes. I was unable to attend the hearings at the University of Washington this morning, March 7, 03.

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However, I am very concerned that further deregulation and further consolidation of media ownership will increase control by fewer and fewer owners of our media, thus lessening the diversity in viewpoints and coverage of the news. With even public radio and television now having to advertise and having to be responsible to their advertisers, freedom of the media is now being curtailed. If the companies that own the radio and television stations and/or the advertisers that pay much of the costs are mainly concerned about profits (particularly in a down economy) the public is not being well served with diversity of information.

Therefore, I am against further consolidation of ownership of the media and for tougher regulations or supporting current regulations to bring the widest and most diverse coverage of news to the American population, as I understand is your job.

On Monday, March 3, the City Council of Seattle voted to support Resolution #146 proposed by Councilmen Licata and Compton to prohibit further media ownership consolidation to provide broad media diversity. I support their resolution and reasons for that as explained further by Councilman Compton at this morning's hearing in Seattle. (March 7, 03).

Thank you for having the hearings. I would appreciate a response

Alexandra Pye (e-mail: alexandrapye@hotmail.com)

CC: Michael Copps

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From: joan marie
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB. Comm Fed and Communications Commission
Adelstein
Date: 2/21/03 11:12PM
Subject: <No Subject>
Office of the Secretary

I watched Bill Moyer interview John Nichols and Robert McChesney tonight. Now I want to voice my concerns about the narrowing control of mass media. I hope that the FCC can do something to reverse this trend and allow and encourage the media to DO ITS JOB - inform the citizenry, with as little bias, as possible. Restrict ownership of media outlets!!!

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From: morrisonrs@juno.com

To: Mike Powell

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Subject: Increasing the number of TV & radio stations held by companies within market areas

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Dear Chairman Powell,
I am writing to urge you not to allow an increase in the number of TV & radio stations that one company can control within a certain market area. Rather, I would like to see a reduction in the number of stations under one ownership, overall. Furthermore, I would like to see the rules changed to disallow ownership of radio & TV stations by companies involved with print media.

The airwaves being in the public domain, I find that the consolidation of markets & media under fewer & fewer owners does not serve the public interest. The public is not receiving value for so great an asset. This consolidation, if allowed, would lead to reduced competition loss of locally produced news & entertainment formats, fewer jobs & what has been referred to as the "samming of America".

Please resist the pressures which you must be feeling from these corporations seeking these changes. I implore you as caretaker of this most important national asset to act in the best interest of the American people

Sincerely,
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From: Tom Church
To: Mike Powell
Date: 2/20/03 1 14PM
Subject: independent radio stations

i am enclosing an op-ed piece for you to read. i am concerned that the commission's policy of allowing concentration to the media in a few hands is not just a debating point for neocons and their opponents, but has possible consequences to peoples lives, or their deaths. While I am not saying you are directly responsible for any harm to anyone, I respectfully request that you read the enclosed text and consider that maybe an idealistic (or perhaps cynical) approach to free market economic policy in mass media isn't worth the irreparable harm to people and their well being. This is why the term compassionate conservative is an oxymoron. It is hard to see the compassion in such a policy. It seems to help no one but a few rich corporations.

When a media giant swallows a station, it typically fires the staff and pipes in music along with something that resembles news via satellite. To make the local public think that things have remained the same, the voice track system sometimes includes references to local matters sprinkled into the broadcast.

What my rock 'n' roll colleague William Safire describes as the "ruination of independent radio" started with corporatizing in the 1980's but took off dramatically when the Telecommunications Act of 1996 increased the number of stations that one entity could own in a single market and permitted companies to buy up as many stations nationally as their deep pockets would allow.

The new rules were billed as an effort to increase radio diversity, but they appear to have had the opposite effect. Under the old rules, the top two owners had 115 stations between them. Today, the top two own more than 1,400 stations. In many major markets, a few corporations control 80 percent of the listenership or more.

Liberal Democrats are horrified by the legion of conservative talk show hosts who dominate the airwaves.

But the problem stretches across party lines. National Journal reported last month that Representative Mark Foley, Republican of Florida, was finding it difficult to reach his constituents over the air since national radio companies moved into his district, reducing the number of local stations from five to one. Senator Byron Dorgan, Democrat of North Dakota, had a potential disaster in his district when a freight train carrying anhydrous ammonia derailed, releasing a deadly cloud over the city of Minot. When the emergency alert system failed, the police called the town radio stations, six of which are owned by the corporate giant Clear Channel. According to news accounts, no one answered the phone at the stations for more than an hour and a half. Three hundred people were hospitalized, some partially blinded by the ammonia. Pets and livestock were killed.

By Brent Staples in the NYTimes, 2-20-03.

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From: Phil Sheldon
To: Mike Powell
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Subject: Demand TV networks stop playing games with America's resolve

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Office of the Secretary

Dear Conservative Friend:

When it comes to the War on Terrorism, who do you believe and support: President George W. Bush? Or the spokesmen for Germany and France? Then please tell our media!

Too many members of America's media are playing dangerous partisan politics by putting undue weight on the anti-war arguments from nations against disarming Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Please go to [ConservativePetitions.com](http://www.conservativepetitions.com) and read what is at stake. Here's the address: <http://www.conservativepetitions.com/petitions.php?id=140>

Just to make life tougher for a Republican President, TV networks and leading newspapers are brushing aside the overwhelming evidence that action is needed. Pro-Democrat media apparently doesn't care that its continued slanting of the news confuses and erodes America's resolve to achieve victory against terrorism. Anything to drop Bush's approval rating, seems to be their motto.

With the fate of our nation and possibly the world at risk, this is not the time to play petty partisan politics. Tell ABC, NBC, CBS and CNN to stop trying to diminish America's resolve just to give a Republican President a hard time.

It is essential for conservative Americans to demand TV networks present the news in such a way to bolster America's resolve to endure this perilous time and help our forces achieve victory over terrorism. To do anything less is un-American and must not be condoned.

Something must be done before it's too late for our nation, and I'm inviting you to take action! Please sign the petition to TV network news executives, then email everyone you know to warn them about this dangerous ploy that puts petty partisan politics above the best interests of America. Here is where to make your voice heard: <http://www.conservativepetitions.com/petitions.php?id=140>

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Michael K. Powell

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am sending this to inform you I am opposed to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as it's guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy. Is this what America has become, only about the money and power? I am dissatisfied with 'my' government.

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From: Gordon Andrews
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Subject: Corporation control of the media

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Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chairman,

I am concerned that large corporations may be exerting control over our media.

This to me violates the constitution of our great nation.

I feel strongly that the rules governing the ownership of radio, TV, & newspapers need to be tighter.

Gordon Andrews

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From: editor@awakenedwoman.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: 2/2/03 10:29PM
Subject: Against the rule

Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

I OBJECT to the consolidation of media outlets which the rule will allow!!

Stephanie Hiller, independent journalist
Occidental, California

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From: sherri schlesinger
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Since the FCC doesn't perform any public service anymore
and has become just an industry trade group,
why should the tax payers keep paying your salaries?

Why not let the Media Giants pay you salaries?
The FCC is a total waste of money,
as far as the public is concerned.

Since you only benefit giant corporations now,
why shouldn't they pay your salaries?

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FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

Dear FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely

Julie Chanter
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SAN FRANCISCO, California 94133

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Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
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Subject: Rules Regarding Media Ownership

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Dear Sirs and Madames:

Federal Communications Commission
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I am writing in response to the FCC's proposal to change the rules that limit cross ownership of the media, which would result in allowing greater concentration of media control. I heartily urge you to not change the rules to allow such increased media concentration.

A healthy and enlightened democratic government can survive only with a well informed populace, which requires a vibrant media giving voice to the many tones of 'We the People'.

Our Constitution was framed to assure the press would be free from government influence and control. Yet the problem we face today is of corporate influence and control, in particular of those ideas expressed in the media, but increasingly of our government through lobbying and campaign contributions.

'We the People' need to insure there is a free and diverse press and media that will broadcast and reflect the many voices we are comprised of, a press that will function as a government watchdog, so in coming years we can continue to enjoy the benefits of living in a democracy.

The rule changes being contemplated by the FCC will harm this objective and will contribute to a weakened democracy in this county.

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Subject: Protect Children's Television1

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

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Sincerely,

Lisa Powell
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Decatur, Georgia 30030

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Senator Saxby Chambliss
Senator Zell Miller
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Lisa Powell
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From: Mitchell, Anais
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, Mar 13, 2003 12:53 PM
Subject: deregulation

Dear Commissioner Copps,

I am writing to you both as a citizen who values media diversity and as a DJ at an independently-owned radio station to urge you not to further deregulate the radio industry in this country. I understand the value of the free market and government non-intervention, but it is also clear to me that deregulation in today's climate is synonymous with corporate consolidation- a trend which is particularly dangerous when it comes to the media. It is vital to citizens' education, musical integrity, and democracy in general that our media sources be diverse, and that any given locality have a competitive number of media (radio) options. Please reject further deregulation of the radio industry- once consolidation has begun, it is difficult to backtrack- and this issue is one of the most vital to our nation's health and security. Please respond and let me know how you plan to act. Thank you,

Anais Mitchell. WRMC FM, VT.

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